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SUBJECT: WATERGATE SUMMARY - AFTERNOON SESSION, JULY 16

1. ALEXANDER BUTTERFIELD, FORMER WHITE HOUSE STAFF MEMBER, WAS THE SURPRISE FIRST WITNESS AT THE AFTERNOON SESSION. HE REVEALED THAT SEVERAL LISTENING DEVICES WERE INSTALLED AT THE WHITE HOUSE IN THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE AND ON HIS OFFICIAL BUSINESS PHONES AND THAT ALL CONVERSATIONS WITHIN RANGE OF THESE DEVICES WERE RECORDED ROUTINELY. COMMENTATS NOTE THAT THIS APPEARS TO BE CONCRETE EVIDENCE WHICH COULD BE CALLED TO TEST DEAN'S TESTIMONY ABOUT HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT.

2. THE SECOND AFTERNOON WITNESS WAS HERBERT KALMBACH. HE TESTIFIED THAT HE RAISED AND DISTRIBUTED MONEY PROVIDED TO THE WATERGATE DEFENDENTS AT THE REQUEST OF DEAN. HE SAID HE DID SO BECAUSE HE FULLY BELIEVED ASSURANCES FROM DEAN AND EHRlichman THAT HIS ACTIVITIES WERE ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE. HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE SECRECY SURROUNDING THESE ACTIVITIES HE SAID. FINALLY AFTER CONTINUED DEMANDS FOR MONEY, HE TOLD DEAN IN SEPTEMBER 1972 THAT HE COULD RAISE NO MORE. KALMBACH CONTRADICTED SEVERAL ITEMS OF DEAN'S TESTIMONY ABOUT THEIR MEETINGS DURING QUESTIONING

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